

***EANGMT Executive Board Meeting  
16 April 2005, 10:45 a.m.  
Fort Harrison, Helena MT***

**OPENING ITEMS**

- Call to Order
  
- Roll Call of Membership

*Executive Members Present:*

President – MSG Jim Gustafson

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – SMSgt Lisa Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – CSM Ronda Scott

Treasurer – SFC Dana Lahti

Secretary – SSgt Patti Hagan

Executive Member Air – CCM Steve Lyczewski

Executive Member Army – MSG Neil Young

Executive Member Army – SFC Risi Stewart

Executive Member Army – SFC Nick Conway

Executive Member Army – SGT Cynthia Marshall

*Executive Members Not Present:*

Executive Member Army – SFC Tim Sowa

Executive Member Air – SMSgt Mark Giskaas

Retired Member Air – MSgt (Ret) John Haffner

Executive Member Army – SFC Dave Polansky

Retired Member Army – MSG (Ret) Denny Eickert

Past President – MSgt Ruth Mortag

- Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Conference, 21-22 January 2005, accepted as written.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Executive Board Member Reports: verbal reports given by SGT Cynthia Marshall, CSM Ronda Scott, and SFC Nick Conway.
2. Scholarship Report – the USAA scholarship paperwork has been filled out and sent for our association to receive \$500 toward our scholarships given. The three scholarship winners have not received their checks yet because MSgt Jeff Wheeler has not picked them up from MSgt Steve Hagan. The board members give permission to Steve to give the checks to the winners and not wait for Jeff Wheeler. Oral report accepted as submitted by MSG Jim Gustafson and SSgt Patti Hagan.
3. Financial Report – SFC Dana Lahti: the associations \$10,000 CD matured in March and has been rolled over for another year. Getting money for memberships from Great Falls to Helena is a problem. Verbal and attached written report accepted as given.
4. Membership Report – another 15 memberships from CSM Ronda Scott. She would like to resign as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and take over membership. Ronda requested a representative for the Air side in order for information. Suggested that MSgt Ruth Mortag be the point of contact. SSgt Patti Hagan will speak with her regarding this.
5. Legislative Report – so far we have not received any of our issues past during this legislative session. SB501 – Tax credit for employers of National Guard and Reserve is in committee and Chief Hagan is trying to keep it alive at today's session. SB339 – Provide low-cost combo sports license for active military personnel is hanging on by a thread. SB 445 – Authorize tuition waiver for qualified National Guard members is still alive. Verbal report given to MSG Jim Gustafson from CMSgt Roger Hagan via phone accepted as submitted.
6. By-Laws/Constitution Report – SSgt Patti Hagan e-mailed SSgt Christy Bringard on 1 April 2005 and asked if she still wanted to be chairman. Christy read the e-mail but did not reply.

- Patti will try contacting her and get an answer during the May drill. There are no changes submitted at this time.
7. Publications & Website Report – SSgt Patti Hagan: the website has been changed and updated quite a bit since the conference by MSgt Ruth Mortag. Would like to do a memorandum to the Lewistown guardsman, MSG Robbie McNary on the website. There are extra March newsletters. Will be switching printing companies back to Action Print in Helena as there has been lots of little problems with the newsletter since switching to Insty Prints in Great Falls. If we choose to still have extras made then someone in Helena will have to pick them up. The next newsletter will be mailed the first of June. Verbal report accepted.
  8. Conference 2006 Report – the board did not have any changes or additions to TSgt Blue Manzanares' facility requirements draft. The secretary reminded the board that it was moved and past to change the timing of the conference from April to March. The board would like to know if there would be better rates in March than April for Whitefish. Suggested to extend the conference to have the business meeting on Friday and have a fun Saturday with the banquet that night. Tabled until next meeting until the board can get prices from Whitefish. Attached email report and verbal report/discussion accepted.
  9. Insurance Report – there was a meeting between the officer and enlisted associations and the Shuey Agency regarding an insurance matter. The Shuey Agency has decided that they will not work with Doug Remick anymore and insisted that we terminate him or they will stop doing business with our associations. The reply was that Doug is an independent agent with a contract with their company. Since then the Shuey Agency has terminated their contract with Doug. There was to be an audit done by the officer and enlisted associations. Will have to contact TSgt Jeff Mortag to find out if or when this will be done. Doug Remick has stated that he will walk away as the Insurance representative for a sum of money over the next two years. He has never been an employee of the associations. Doug is basing the dollar amount off the projected amount of money he would have made off of selling policies for both associations. LTC Fox and MSG Gustafson have decided that they have no intention of paying a severance pay. Further discussion will be taken care of under New Business. Verbal and attached written report accepted as given by MSG Jim Gustafson.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Audit Report Status: no audit has been done yet for the past year. As suggested by the previous Treasurer MSgt Steve Hagan, that the association has an outside accountant do the audit because of all the money made from the ribbon sales. Motion to get or hire someone to do an external audit from a person outside our association. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted. Treasurer SFC Dana Lahti is to find someone and if it should have to cost the association then it will be voted upon through e-mail.
- Corporate Memberships: it is thought that MSgt Ruth Mortag will take over this program. President Gustafson will contact Ruth.
- “Purple” Picture: tabled until next meeting as MSG (Ret) Denny Eickert is not in attendance today.
- Support for Military Organizations: per CCM Lyczewski the letter is still not signed by MG Mosley but will be done by the next meeting.
- Membership person to travel the State: still no one chosen at this time. No report available from TSgt Blue Manzanares as far as cost. Per Jim Gustafson, the executive members should find members in their units/squadrons to sell memberships. There has been a breakdown in this system. Should CSM Ronda Scott become membership chairman this program will more than likely be put back into motion.

Therefore, the association would not need someone to travel the state to promote and sell the EANGMT. Tabled until the next quarterly meeting.

- Newsletter overseas: no March newsletters were sent overseas as SSgt Patti Hagan did not receive any addresses to send to. For the next newsletter we will try to send them electronically.
- Donation Limits: tabled until next quarterly meeting.
- Goals: seven goal sheets were turned into the Secretary. The goals will be typed and sent out once the other executive members submit their goal sheets.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- January Annual Conference: motion to hold the annual conference in March, April or May but the association will still support the Legislative Reception with as much representation that we can get. Discussion that it has not boosted our conference attendance. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Replace Committee members: CSM Ronda Scott would like to resign as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and take over as the Membership chairman. At this time, Ronda will do both unless it becomes too much. Should this be the case, a resignation will be accepted and an interim will be chosen for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.
- Insurance Issues: motion that LTC (Ret) Doug Remick is a member in good standing but that he no longer represents the EANGMT and that position has been replaced with TSgt Jeff Mortag. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion to send him a thank you letter for all of his dedicated service to the EANGMT which was delegated to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, SMSgt Lisa Smith.
- Summer Picnic: suggested by MSG Jim Gustafson to have our next meeting as a summer picnic. CSM Ronda Scott offered to have it at her cabin in Canyon Ferry and she will be in charge of it. Discussion if the association will pay for food. Decided it will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2005. The plan will be to try and do as much business through e-mail voting before hand so that the meeting will be shorter. The picnic will be for all association members and family. Information will be in the June newsletter. Discussion that hot dogs and polish dogs and side food will be the menu. Motion to designate \$250 for the summer picnic. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and accepted.
- Items to Troops Overseas: discussion brought up about whether the EANGMT is going to send items to our troops overseas. The troops are able to get a lot of stuff at the BX/PXs and other organizations are still sending items. The board would like to find out what the troops need and want. Starbursts and hard candy are good to send. Other stuff melts and molds before getting to the troops. MSG Jim Gustafson will talk with MSgt Dorrie Hagan, the State Family Readiness Coordinator about suggestions.

**Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.**